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TROTTERS AND THOROUGHBREDS.

The question of the successful breeding of trotters is one of much importance to all American horsemen, as the trotting horse is to America what the running horse is to England. England is the home of the runner, and there he has attained to his highest development, and our runners on this side of the Atlantic can be traced directly back to him. So America is the home of the trotter, and it is here that he has arrived at his greatest excellence, and accomplished his most wonderful feats. What has produced this new breed of horses in America? Was it produced by the breeding of the runner, or thoroughbred, and training him to trot? Or was it produced by the selecting of those horses which were more than ordinarily disposed to trot, and the propagation of them? We maintain that it was the selecting and breeding of the horses which were most inclined to trot that has produced the modern trotter. As every one knows, all horses, or other animals, as for that matter, even of the purest blood which traces back to the most ancient pedigrees, do not possess the same qualities. Nay, further. Horses of the purest of any strain and of the most ancient lineage, out of the same dams by the same sires are not all of the same excellence. Why are they not? No one can tell, but the fact is attributed to the law of variation, and variation is greater where the blood is most complex. The pitted scrub horse is the perfection of variation. The reason why running blood is objectionable in the trotter is because it is an additional element of variation; it destroys the constancy of the inheritance. If the infusion of running, or thoroughbred blood is a desirable thing in the trotter, are there no particular strains which are better to combine with the trotter than others? In breeding runners for the turf there is a great choice among the various families, and as a rule the blood of Lexington has been sought for more than any other. It was the Lexington blood which carried Ten-Brock through his famous four-mile race in which he beat all the records. Of late the blood of imported Bonnie Scotland has been much sought after, owing to its power to carry a horse a long way at a high speed. There are other families of the runners in America, but none so famous. The Danes strain has also produced many winners, although War Dance was the best of the family. Which of these strains is best for mixing with the trotter, and in combination with what families do they give the best results? Among the various trotting families, the Hambletonians and the Mambrinos may be ranked as foremost. Other families have as much of the running blood in them as these, and yet have not so uniformly produced trotters. For many years, Hambletonian, 10, stood at the head of the list of sires of 2:30 horses, but last year another horse went up higher and took the leadership. He was what is usually termed a cold-blooded horse. This horse, which has produced more 2:30 horses than Hambletonian, 10, George Wilkes 519, Daniel Lambert 102, or Almont 33, was a horse without any particular breeding, his dam being unknown and he a pacer. The pacer blood seems to transmit a stronger tendency to adhere to the pacer or trotting gait than does the trotting blood. Now, why was it that this horse was so successful in producing trotters? It must be because his pacer instinct was so strong that it dominated and controlled all other instincts as to the mode of action. No one will deny that the trotting and pacer gait are interchangeable. If any one does, we can point them to two horses in our own town which are very rapid at either gait and one of them is the favorite in the 2:44 class to-morrow. There seems to be much misapprehension as to what is a cold-blooded horse, and the term is generally confounded with what is called a scrub horse. A cold-blooded horse is merely a horse that is not a thoroughbred; that is all. The *Tribune* says: "The difference is this: They (the trotter and runner) are of different races, and the colder race does not possess alone the necessary qualifications to accomplish what is hoped for from it." What are qualifications that the runner can give to the trotter to improve him as he is to-day? We believe not any. The trotting horse to-day is an established breed, with the strength and endurance of the runner, but with a different action; and we believe that any infusion of running blood into him will tend to destroy his gait, and will not lend him any staying qualities he does not possess. The *Tribune* says it cannot "subscribe to the theory that any trotting horse that ever lived has the endurance of a real thoroughbred on a supreme trial," and says that no one would who ever saw Jo Daniels after he had run twelve miles against Thad Stevens. The same rate of speed is not claimed for the trotter that is claimed for the runner, but the same endurance is. As a "supreme trial" for the trotter, it is only necessary to cite Trustee, Lady Fulton, Capt. McGowan and John Stewart, every one having trotted twenty miles in less than an hour; or Black Joke who did his fifty miles in 3 h. 57m.; or the mares Kate, Fanny Murray, Fanny Jinks, each of whom did her hundred miles in less than ten hours, while the Orange County Horse did his hundred miles in 8 h. 55m. 53 sec. The *Tribune* ends its article by saying that "the man who in Utah breeds scrub

mares to cold-blooded trotters, will have scrubs only, as long as he holds to that practice." Very true; but will he not have scrubs only if he breeds scrub mares to thoroughbred runners? The way to produce runners is to breed runners to runners, and the way to produce trotters is to breed trotters to trotters; and the intermixing of the two produces neither of the highest type.

TROUBLED TORIES.

The Tories are again in much trouble, trouble caused by their own success at times when they would have preferred that the Liberals had gone a little further into their sea of political discord where the waters were deeper, and where they would have become scattered. They were getting into deep water when the Tories began to cheer at them, and, like sensible men, they waded back to the shore and told their advisers and critics to pilot the way themselves. Having said what should be and having pointed out various mistakes, the Tories could not very well refuse to lead the nation through the Red Sea of their troubles, but now they are in the sea, they find that its waters no not part to let them pass to the promised land beyond. The *Times* still continues to condemn the late Ministry for its conduct in resigning, as it plainly sees that the Tories are hemmed in on all sides with difficulties; while the *Telegraph* says that the Marquis of Salisbury will have the sympathy of the country, and warns Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Charles Dilke not to make any mistakes by obstructing the elections in the Provinces. The *Telegraph's* warning is gratuitous to the above gentlemen, as that paper is a Tory of the Tories, and utters its warning more as a threat than anything else. It seems that the Conservatives are so timorous in their undertaking to conduct the Government, that they are requiring guarantees of their opponents that they will not molest the new Cabinet. It is a most excellent idea to get an opponent to make a promise that he will not criticize the actions of those who brought about his downfall. Another thing that troubles the Tories is the fact that they do not know what line of policy Gladstone will pursue, whether he will retire altogether from politics, or still remain the leader of his party, and their bitterest and most active opponent. At the present time Gladstone seems to be buried beneath the ruins of his own party, but it is only seemingly so. He is like the Scotch lad, to whose memory a tablet is set in a certain street in Edinburgh. The house in which the lad and his parents lived fell one night, and buried in its ruins all the inmates. It took the workmen several days to clear away the debris, never once hoping to save any life; but on the third day, as the evening approached, they thought they heard a faint cry, and so doubled their efforts to remove the debris. In the place where the ruins had fallen thickest they heard the voice of the lad cry out: "Heave away, men, I'm no dead yet." Nor was he, and he came out from under the ruins uninjured, and as well as when he was buried beneath them. So it is with Gladstone, he's "no dead yet."

A PICTURE.

In one of Hawthorne's "Twice Told Tales," but a hundred times read, there is one that impresses itself on the mind more than the others. It is the one that is known as the "Prophetic Picture." It tells of a painter passing through a quiet, peaceful town on his wanderings, and in this town he found a young and happy couple, across whose path no shadow had as yet fallen. The man was in youth, and was filled with youth's strength and hope and courage. The future looked bright and held out hopes of long happiness, for the past, the past that in most lives is filled with shadows, unrealized hopes and ambitions, pleasant dreams that have become frightful nightmares, had not come. The bride was in those years when womanhood and maidenhood blend in most pleasing harmony, and before the cares of life had fallen heavily upon her. Upon her lily cheek was the blush of the red rose, her eyes were lightened with laughter, and in her heart were the songs of joy and gladness, for as yet she knew not sorrow. It was thus that the painter saw the happy couple; but he painted them not as he saw them. In their faces he saw the future, for the look of destiny was there, and that look of destiny he put upon his canvas. The faces in the picture were far more solemn than the faces of those young people, for in them could be seen care and sorrow and regret. Was it strange that they were not pleased with their portraits, they who were so young and happy, and without care? To the artist they expressed their disappointment, but he told them to wait until the years rolled by, and in the future they would find the portrait true. And so it was; and that which seemed harsh and unreal in youth, was true and real in after life. And thus it is with man; the joy and hope of youth, in age are replaced with sorrow and regret, more intense with some than with others, but present to all. The careless act, the thoughtless act, they bear their fruits and their fruits are bitter. The thing that is done without heed may be the thing that will do most harm, and he who has done it, upon him will it rebound. It is the Biblical doctrine that he who sows the wind will reap the whirlwind. No matter on what theory these things are done, no matter in accordance with what belief, they bear the same fruits, for their seeds are wrong-doing, sown in carelessness. There may be sown with the tares wheat, but the tares will predominate, for it is their nature to encroach upon and finally to crowd the wheat entirely out. In Utah how many tares are sown, how little wheat is garnered. Tares are sown, because tares are grown; and from a belief that God

commands, many make their lives miserable, trusting that the hereafter may bestow the happiness they have never known on earth. How strange it is that man should think he is best serving God then, when he is making himself miserable! How many in Utah enter into a marriage relation that gives them neither honor nor happiness on earth, whose best hope is that it may give them salvation. And what is salvation? Is it more than freedom from sin and sorrow? And is not sorrow the child of sin? Did not Mary of Magdala obtain salvation when her Saviour bade her to go forth and sin no more, and she did as she was bid? Does this marriage system always give joy to the heart and peace to the soul? Is Christianity the laying of a burden upon the heart, or a lifting of it from off the heart? In Utah are seen young men and young women entering this marriage that the world has said brings sorrow and shame; and when they enter it, their hearts are as brave, their prospects as bright as those of that happy twain whose portrait the artist painted, and the same prophetic vision rises into view when we look at them as the painter saw when he painted his "Prophetic Picture."

Strong at Eighty.

Mr. David Dudley Field: "My recipe for self-preservation is exercise. I am a firm believer in exercise. I will tell you my mode of life. I am a very temperate man, and have always been so. I have taken care of myself, and as I have a good constitution I suppose that is the reason I am so well. You must ask the Almighty why I have lived so long, and how long I shall live. I am perfectly healthy and strong, and though I have nominally retired from the law, I am busy as you see from morning until night. Another reason I am so well is that my mind has always been occupied. I am never idle; in fact I have no time to be ill. "When I was a young man I had very severe headaches. In 1846 I bought a horse, and I have not had a headache since. Every morning I arise at 6 o'clock. I have done so for forty years. I take an ice-cold bath, dress myself, jump on a horse at 7 o'clock, and ride for an hour. I then breakfast and work at my house until 11 o'clock, when I walk down town, a distance of four miles. I remain at my office until 3 o'clock, then walk home, and dine at 4. At 7 I sleep for a half hour, after which I am ready for anything. I retire between 10 and 11 o'clock. I have done this for over forty years. I attribute my hardihood to horseback riding. Have I ever taken a drink? No, sir, never, except a glass of claret at dinner. Like Pere Hyacinthe, I must have my claret at dinner. Whisky, brandy, or any liquid of that kind I never touch. "My advice to young men is to get eight hours sleep every night, and drink only chocolate, coffee, and tea. The young men of to-day are too fast. The candle can not burn at both ends and last long. I have never smoked tobacco in any shape and never will. Do as I have done, and you will be strong at 80, and probably at 90."

Republican Stealings.

The inordinate glee of the "grand old party" organs, over the fact that the money in the Treasury vaults panned out all right when counted, will be toned down somewhat when the constantly-increasing record of defalcations under Republican misrule is completed and made public. The recently-discovered shortage of \$25,000 in the assistant-treasurer's office at New Orleans, calls to mind the \$75,000 defalcation at that city in 1867. Then there are the stealings of the whiskey ring, the star route ring, the navy ring, Howgate, et al., to be accounted for. It is not so much the money in the Treasury that the public is worrying over, as the money that isn't there. Wait until the books are thoroughly overhauled.—*Omaha Herald.*

A child's apprehension of religious things is illustrated by an incident related by a Chicago clergyman. "I happened to know," he says, "a little girl who has been so carefully trained in the matter of reverence for sacred things as a minister's child could be. She had been told that God was everywhere—with her night and day, outdoors and indoors—and she seemed to understand it. But on one occasion her little pug dog was following her closely when she did not want him with her. She stopped as she was about to go through a door and said with great emphasis: 'Now, Ponto, you go back. It's bad enough to have God tagging around after me everywhere without having you.'"

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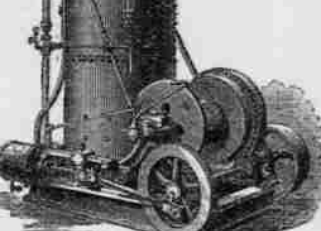
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